

Board of Adjustment
Minutes
November 21, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chairperson Moe Richardson. Those in attendance: Board members Moe Richardson, Lori Boren, Gary Ulch and Wade Squiers. Absent: Roch Player. Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator, Matt Siders and Loren Hoffman representing the Mount Vernon Booster Club.

1. Approval of Agenda. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Squiers to approve agenda. Carried all. Player absent.
2. Approval of minutes from November 1, 2017. Motion made by Ulch, seconded by Boren to approve minutes. Carried all. Player absent.
3. Public Hearing and discussion and possible action on request for a variance for a sign at 1170 1st Avenue NE. Matt Siders explained that this item had been tabled at the November 1st meeting. It is for a state championship sign for the school district through the Booster Club that they would like to have located at 1170 1st Avenue NE, which is the old Blooming Acres property. The Booster Club is seeking two items; one is a variance and one is an exemption. The exemption would be for the number of signs allowed on a property. This particular property (Limited Industrial) is only allowed to have one sign based on the size of the frontage. They are seeking exemption for the number of signs as well as a variance for the size of the sign. The size of the sign is too large and exceeds the maximum sign square footage for that district. Siders went on to say that what he has learned in between the meeting on November 1st and today is that the Board of Adjustment does not have the authority to authorize an exemption for the number of signs. The Planning and Zoning Commission is considering a revision of the zoning ordinance to allow civic signs to exist on commercial properties in the future but that has not been approved yet. Without an exemption for additional signs, the current owner could not have a sign there if this sign went up for the school district. Loren Hoffman said the owner indicated that at some point in time they would possibly have an office warehouse. He then asked the board to act on the variance request and ignore the request for an exemption for the number of signs at this time.

The Facts for the Record for authorizing a variance are on record from the last meeting. Squiers made a motion Board of Adjustment approve the variance application brought forth by the Booster Club to allow a sign in excess of the minimum of 150 square feet to a not to exceed size of 300 square feet, to be

located at 1170 1st Avenue NE. Motion seconded by Ulch. Carried all. Player absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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